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For: *Gene Expression in Ectodermal
Dysplasia*

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Dear Examiner McGarry:

Thank you for the Action (Restriction) dated Feb 2, 2004. Please enter these amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for detecting the presence of or predisposition to an ectodermal disorder comprising the steps of:
 - (a) detecting the presence of a human TAJ gene or gene product in a cell of a host predetermined to be at elevated risk of having or being predisposed to a particular ectodermal disorder; and
 - (b) correlating the presence of the TAJ gene or gene product with a presence of or predisposition to an the ectodermal disorder.
2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting step comprises detecting a TAJ gene.
3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting step comprises detecting a TAJ gene transcript.
4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting step comprises detecting a TAJ protein.
5. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting step is performed inferentially by determining a diagnostic sequence of the TAJ gene or gene product in the individual.